

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room C450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Senate Chair
Rep. Kevin S. Garn, House Chair
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. James R. Gowans

Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Garn called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to approve the minutes of the July 15 and August 8, 2008 meetings and the working group meetings. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Hillyard was absent for the vote.

2. Legislative Proposals

Mr. Dee Larson, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, reviewed the revised draft legislation, "Career and Technical Education Amendments" and "Career and Technical Education Amendments: Salt Lake/Tooele Alternatives" and addressed "Career and Technical Education Amendments, Revised--Representative Bigelow -- UCAT Version."

Rep. Bigelow explained that he met with various stakeholders to gather input and resolve issues. He stated that both sides are willing to support a revised bill. He explained that additional changes have been made to the bill that the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) and others have not yet been able to review.

Mr. David Buhler, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, said he thought the bill was a fair compromise, and that the bill clarifies that UCAT does not provide credit or offer degrees and has its own governance, and also addresses the delivery of career and technical education in Salt Lake and Tooele Counties.

Mr. Mason Bishop, Vice President, Salt Lake Community College (SLCC), stated that he believes the bill encompasses SLCC's commitment to four principles: 1) a seamless transition for students; 2) the compromise is not personality based; 3) transparency for career and technical education at SLCC by creating a line item in the budget; and 4) continuing partnerships with school districts.

Mr. Tom Bingham, Chair, UCAT Board of Trustees, stated that they are committed to making the proposal work.

Mr. Don Ipson, former Chair, UCAT Board of Trustees, expressed thanks to the committee members for their work and help.

Mr. Rick White, President, UCAT, speaking on behalf of the campus presidents, said they are comfortable with the plan.

Mr. Scott Snelson, Acting President, Salt Lake/Tooele Applied Technology College, said they look forward to working with SLCC in serving the Salt Lake County students and with the Tooele College of Applied Technology.

Mr. Larson reviewed, "Career and Technical Education Amendments, Revised -- Representative Bigelow--UCAT version".

Committee discussion followed.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to amend the bill as follows:

Line 287 and elsewhere where applicable: After "articulation" insert "with institutions of both higher education and public education"

The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Bramble was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to amend the bill as follows:

"Delete lines 1181-1182 and the letter (b)"

The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Bramble and Sen. Hillyard were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Bigelow moved to adopt the bill in concept with the understanding that once UCAT has had the opportunity to review the most recent changes, amendments could be made.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

The next meeting was scheduled for September 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Garn adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.